(4) State Government to take the initiative to bring the Militant Groups to the negotiating table.

(5) A more proactive role for the State Police and Central Para Military Forces.

(6) Creation of Security Zones.

(7) BSF to conduct counter insurgency operations in the border belt between the border roads and the international boundary.

(8) Operationalisation of Special Operations Groups CRPF as well as Tripura State Rifles.

Implementation of these has already commenced in the State.

Activities of Christian Missionaries in Western U.P.

†2804. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a steep rise in the activities of Christian Missionaries in Western Uttar Pradesh and its nearby hilly areas;

(b) the number of Christian Missionaries in Uttar Pradesh alongwith the name of the countries from where they have come;

(c) the countries from which they get funds; the details of amount received during the last three years; and

(d) whether Government have ascertained that the said amount is spent for the purpose for which it has been received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) As per available inputs there has been no such steep rise in the activities of Christian Missionaries in Western U.P. and its nearby hilly areas.

(b) as per available information, 45 registered foreign missionaries from 14 countries, were staying on long term basis (i.e. over 6 months at least) in U.P. as on 31-12-1998.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the names of the donor countries alongwith total amounts received from them by various organisations have been mentioned in the Annual Reports of the Ministry of Home Affairs for the respective years from 1991-92 to 1997-98 which have been placed in the Parliament Library (The report for 1998-99 is under compilation).

(d) Penal provisions under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act of 1976 are invoked in those cases where the amounts are not spent for the stated purposes for which they have been received.

Massacre of Sikhs in Chhatisinghpura Village

2805. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated 3rd April, 2000 alleging "failure of security which led to the massacre of Sikhs at Chhatisinghpura village in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir on March 21";

(b) whether there is any truth in the newspaper report which said that "radio intercepts available with the intelligence agencies indicated that there would be an attack on sikh community";

(c) if so, whether Government propose to order inquiry into the security lapses and fix responsibility; and

(d) whether NHRC has urged Government to compensate Anantnag victim families ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) to (c) Government have seen the news item. There was no specific intelligence input regarding terrorists targeting the Sikh Community which had remained untouched ever since the start of terrorism in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

(d) *Ex-gratia* payments to the next of kin of civilians killed due to terrorist related violence is made by the State Government on the basis of fixed norms.

Involvement of Militants in Chhatisinghpura Massacre

2806. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :